

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Currently, claims 1, 3-8, and 10-26, including independent claims 1, 12, 13, and 20, are pending in the present application. Claim 2 has been cancelled in this paper, while claim 9 was previously cancelled. Additionally, claims 1, 3, 4, and 12 have been amended in this paper.

The Examiner indicated at page 3 of the Office Action that claims 13-26 are allowed. The Examiner further indicated that claims 2-8 and 10-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, without commenting on the propriety of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) using U.S. Patent No. 3,915,171 to Shermeta in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,084,061 to Gau, et al., Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application, as amended herein, are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner Lam is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment.

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